

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                    1.        (Original) A suspension assembly including a load beam and a flexure  
2 supporting a slider, said flexure comprising:  
3                    a first supporting area connected to said load beam on a leading end side;  
4                    a second supporting area connected to said load beam on a supporting end side;  
5                    a flexure tongue provided with a supporting area of said slider, a dimple contact  
6 point, and a leading edge;  
7                    a metal layer including:  
8                    a first loop spring structure extending from said first supporting area so as  
9 to support said flexure tongue and having a parameter for giving stiffness to said flexure  
10 tongue; and  
11                    a second loop spring structure extending from said second supporting area  
12 so as to support said flexure tongue and having a parameter for giving stiffness to said  
13 flexure tongue, a value of said parameter being selected in such a manner that said second  
14 loop spring structure gives a stiffness smaller than the stiffness said first loop spring  
15 structure gives to said flexure tongue; and  
16                    a wiring layer laminated on said metal layer in said second supporting area  
17 and extendedly branching from said second supporting area toward said slider.

1                    2.        (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 first loop spring structure and said second loop spring structure constitute a pair of strip-shaped  
3 arms each formed of the metal layer.

1                    3.        (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 2, wherein each of  
2 said parameters of said first and second loop spring structures is selected as one or a combination

3 of two or more from the group consisting of a material, a path length, a thickness, a width, and a  
4 path shape of the strip-shaped arms formed of said metal layer.

1 4. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 metal layer is a stainless steel having a thickness ranging from about 0.015 mm to 0.025 mm.

1 5. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 4, wherein the  
2 path length of said second loop spring structure is about 1.2 times or more as long as the path  
3 length of said first loop spring structure.

1 6. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 4, wherein either  
2 the width of said first loop spring structure or the width of said second loop spring structure is  
3 about 0.150 mm or less.

1 7. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 4, wherein said  
2 first supporting area is connected to said load beam at a first fixing point passing through a  
3 center line of said load beam, said second supporting area is connected to said load beam at a  
4 second fixing point passing through a center line of said load beam, the pair of strip-shaped arms  
5 constituting said first loop spring structure extends from an area near said first fixing point in  
6 said first supporting area, and the pair of strip-shaped arms constituting said second loop spring  
7 structure extends from an area near said second fixing point in said second supporting area.

1 8. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 7, wherein a  
2 distance from said dimple contact point to said second fixing point is about 1.5 times or more as  
3 long as a distance from said first fixing point to said dimple contact point.

1 9. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 7, wherein the  
2 distance from said first fixing point to said dimple contact point is about 1.25 mm or less.

1 10. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 first loop spring structure and said second loop spring structure support said flexure tongue at a  
3 point on a side of the leading edge in relation to a center of the supporting area of said slider.

1                    11.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 first loop spring structure and said second loop spring structure are provided with a common  
3 portion and said common portion, instead of said first loop spring structure and said second loop  
4 spring structure, supports said flexure tongue.

1                    12.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 wiring layer includes a copper layer and a dielectric layer.

1                    13.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 12, wherein a  
2 thickness of said metal layer ranges from about 0.015 mm to 0.025 mm, a thickness of said  
3 dielectric layer ranges from about 0.005 mm to 0.020 mm, and a thickness of said copper layer  
4 ranges from about 0.005 mm to 0.020 mm.

1                    14.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 dimple contact point is given as a contact portion between a dimple formed on said load beam  
3 and said flexure tongue.

1                    15.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 dimple contact point is given as a contact portion between a dimple formed on said flexure and  
3 said load beam.

1                    16.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1 further  
2 comprising a limiter, formed of part of said metal layer, extending from said flexure tongue.

1                    17.     (Original) A suspension assembly including a load beam and a flexure  
2 connected to said load beam and supporting a slider, said flexure comprising:  
3                    a flexure tongue provided with a supporting area of said slider;  
4                    a first spring structure supporting a first supporting area connected to said load  
5 beam on a leading end side and said flexure tongue in such a manner as to extend from said first  
6 supporting area for giving a dominant stiffness to said flexure tongue;

7 a second spring structure supporting a second supporting area connected to said  
8 load beam on a supporting end side and said flexure tongue in such a manner as to extend from  
9 said second supporting area for giving an auxiliary stiffness to said flexure tongue; and  
10 a wiring layer laminated on said metal layer in said second supporting area and  
11 extendedly branching from said second supporting area toward said slider.

1 18. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 17, wherein a  
2 stiffness given by said second spring structure to said flexure tongue is about 40% or less of a  
3 stiffness given by said first spring structure and said second spring structure to said flexure  
4 tongue.

1 19. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 18, wherein said  
2 stiffness is a pitch stiffness or a peel stiffness of said flexure tongue.

1 20. (Currently Amended) A suspension assembly including a load beam and a  
2 flexure provided with a metal layer and supporting a slider, said flexure comprising:

3 a first supporting area composed of said metal layer and supported by said load  
4 beam;

5 a flexure tongue including a second supporting area ~~of that supports~~ said slider, a  
6 dimple contact point, and a leading edge, and formed of part of said metal layer; and

7 a at least one supporting structure extending from the first supporting area  
8 ~~supported by said load beam for supporting said flexure tongue at a position on a side of said~~  
9 ~~leading edge in relation to a leading edge side of the flexure tongue, wherein the leading edge~~  
10 side consists of the leading edge of the flexure tongue and side edges of the flexure tongue  
11 existing between a center of a mounting position of said slider and the leading edge, and wherein  
12 the at least one supporting structure is a sole structure for supporting said flexure tongue.

1 21. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 20, wherein said  
2 leading edge is disposed on a leading end side of said load beam with respect to a trailing edge.

1                   22.     (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 20, wherein said  
2 leading edge is disposed on a supporting end side of said load beam with respect to a trailing  
3 edge.

1                   23.     (Original) A rotary disk storage device, comprising:  
2                   a rotary disk;  
3                   a head reading and writing data from and to said rotary disk, or either reading or  
4 writing data from or to said rotary disk;  
5                   a slider mounted with said head;  
6                   a suspension assembly supporting said slider; and  
7                   an actuator mechanism supporting said suspension assembly, said suspension  
8 assembly being one as recited in claim 1.

1                   24.     (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 23, further  
2 comprising a ramp in which said slider is retracted.

1                   25.     (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 23, wherein  
2 said actuator mechanism turns about a pivot shaft above a surface of said rotary disk.

1                   26.     (Original) A rotary disk storage device, comprising:  
2                   a rotary disk;  
3                   a head reading and writing data from and to said rotary disk, or either reading or  
4 writing data from or to said rotary disk;  
5                   a slider mounted with said head;  
6                   a suspension assembly supporting said slider; and  
7                   an actuator mechanism supporting said suspension assembly, said suspension  
8 assembly being one as recited in claim 17.

1                   27.     (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 26, further  
2 comprising a ramp in which said slider is retracted.

1                   28.    (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 26, wherein  
2   said actuator mechanism turns about a pivot shaft above a surface of said rotary disk.

1                   29.    (Original) A rotary disk storage device, comprising:  
2                   a rotary disk;  
3                   a head reading and writing data from and to said rotary disk, or either reading or  
4   writing data from or to said rotary disk;  
5                   a slider mounted with said head;  
6                   a suspension assembly supporting said slider; and  
7                   an actuator mechanism supporting said suspension assembly, said suspension  
8   assembly being one as recited in claim 20.

1                   30.    (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 29, further  
2   comprising a ramp in which said slider is retracted.

1                   31.    (Original) The rotary disk storage device according to claim 29, wherein  
2   said actuator mechanism turns about a pivot shaft above a surface of said rotary disk.